

CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY

INFORMATION REPORT

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Occupation.

1. There are 300 officers and 1,300 airmen at Object I, Kamenz commanded by a full Colonel. All the airmen were directly recruited from civilian life. About 75% of the officers are products of the former officers training course at Pinnew, another 15% came from various KVP units and the remaining 10% came directly from civilian life.

Organisation of the School

2. The largest component unit of the school is the Abteilung, of which there are three. Subordinate to the Abteilung is the company, which normally consists of one company commander (lieutenant), 1 company PK officer (lieutenant), 4 platoon leaders (junior lieutenants) 12 group leaders (junior NCO's) and 100-110 airmen. The platoon, of which there are four to a company, consists of three groups of 7-8 men led by a junior NCO.
3. The 1st Abteilung consisting of the 1st through 5th companies, has a strength of 32 officers, 60 junior NCOs and 550 airmen. The 2nd Abteilung, consisting of 6th and 7th companies, has a strength of 14 officers, 24 junior NCOs and 250 airmen. The 3rd Abteilung contains the 8th, 9th and 10th companies with 20 officers, 36 junior NCOs and 400 airmen.

Pay

4. Pay of airmen varies between DM 250 and DM 300 East. Officers are paid not only according to rank but also according to function. For example, a lieutenant commanding a company receives a basic pay of DM 390 East for his rank, plus DM 620 East for his function as company commander, making a total of DM 1,010 East. Members of the air police do not pay income tax any longer.

25 YEAR RE-REVIEW

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Duration of Course

5. On joining, students were told that they would leave the school as officers within one year, but the course training plan actually covers a period of two years.

Functions of the 10 Companies

- 6.. Nos. 1 and 2 Companies - Technical officers under training
Nos. 3,4 and 5 Companies - Mechanics
Nos. 6 and 7 Companies - Armourers
Nos. 8, 9 and 10 Companies - Aircraft electricians.

Subjects on the Curriculum7. (a) Specialist Subjects

1. Aircraft information service
2. Aircraft recognition
3. Raw materials (Werkstoffkunde)
4. Engines
5. Electricity
6. Mathematics

(b) General Subjects

1. Basic Training (Grundausbildung)
2. Shooting
3. Sports
4. Political training

8. Forty to 50 wooden aircraft models as well as wall charts for each subject were used as training aids. There were also three stripped down MIG-15's for demonstration purposes.

Morale

9. Morale was quite satisfactory amongst the students in the summer of 1952, but deteriorated with the development of so-called "proletarian discipline" which led to many refusals to obey orders. This was punishable by three days of close arrest. The nadir of discontent was caused by the introduction of Soviet type uniforms on 7th October 1952. Morale is still low.

Personalities10. Commanding Officer:

Col. Leopold. [redacted]

Senior PK Officer:

Lt. Col. Raubach [redacted]

Chief-of-Staff

Major Harnisch [redacted]

Kamenz 1:

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O.C. Training:

Major Loos

Senior Admin. Officer:

Major Trendelburg

No. 1 Company Commander:

Kurt Reese, Lieutenant)

PK officer No. 1 Company:

Lieutenant Robert Kaestel

No. 2 Company Commander:

Lieutenant Walter Scharlock

No. 3 Company Commander:

Lieutenant Klaus Matthes

No. 5 Company Commander:

Lieutenant Harry Merker

PK Officer No. 5 Company:

Lieutenant Will Demke

No. 6 Company Commander:

Lieutenant Lothar Schellmer

PK Officer No. 6 Company

Lieutenant Heinrich Nikolei

Senior instructor:

Capt. Fritz

Officer i/c Headquarters
PK Section:

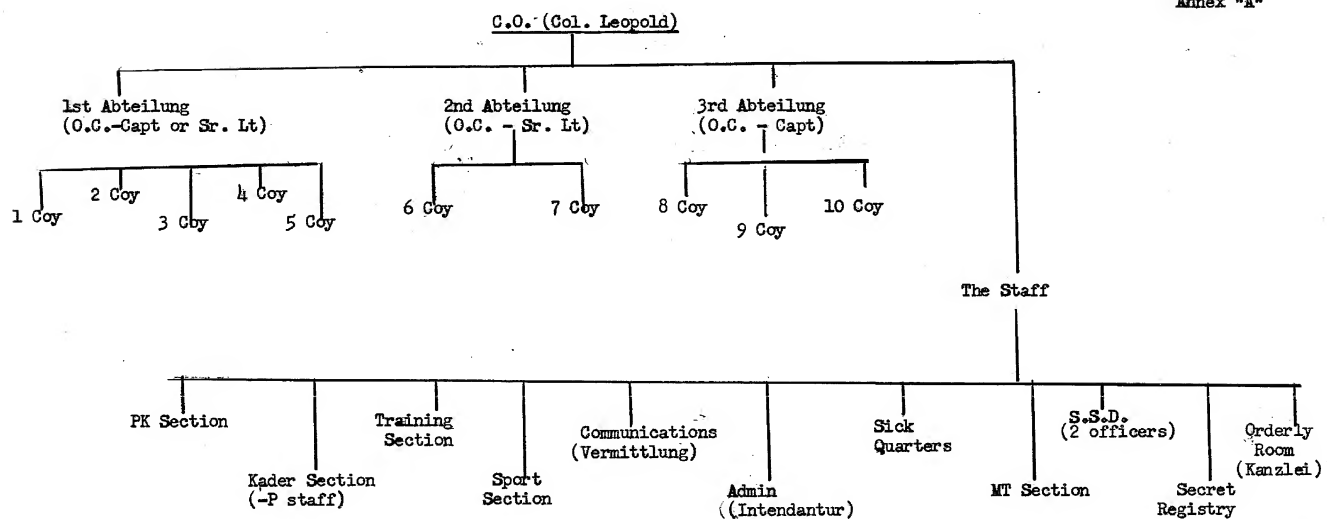
Lieutenant Werner Smetek

Annexes:

- A. Organizational structure of Object I.
- B. Organizational structure of the staff.

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Annex "A"



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Annex "B"NOTE ON THE STAFF ESTABLISHMENT

The PK Section plays a dominant role in the work of the school. It is headed by a Lieutenant Colonel assisted by:-

- 1 PK Chief Specialist Instructor (Haupt Fachlehrer)
- 5 PK assistant instructors
- 1 Director (a Major)
- 3 Assistants to the Director
- 1 Cultural Director (Oberfeldwebel)
- 2 Cultural assistants

The P-Staff Kaderabteilung

- 1 Director (a Major)
- 3 Assistants

Training Section

- 1 Director (a Major)
- 6 Senior instructors (Captains)
- 60 specialist instructors (Senior and junior lieutenants)

Sport Section

- 1 Director (a senior lieutenant)
- 2 Assistants

Communications Section

- 1 Director (Junior lieutenant)
- 4 assistants

Administration (Intendantur)

- 1 Senior administration officer (Intendant with rank of major)
- 2 Supply officers (Senior lieutenants)
- 1 Senior NCO in charge of kitchens (Feldwebel)
- 1 Accountant (Oberfeldwebel)
- 40 assistants of various grades.

Sick Quarters

- 1 Medical offices in charge (Captain)
- 2 Nurses (Sergeants)
- 2 Orderlies (Gefreiter)
- 4 Assistants

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M/T Section

1 Officer in charge (Junior lieutenant)

16 Drivers

10 assistants

Secret Registry

1 NCO in charge (Sergeant)

3 assistants

Orderly Room (Kanzlei)

1 officer i/o, and adjutant to the C.O. (a lieutenant)

2 assistants

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